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O-BON FESTIVAL ENDS TONIGHT - WINS APPLAUSE

In an impressive O-Bon Festival atmosphere, created by hundreds of lanterns, paper chain-ribbons, and flowers, more than 4,000 spectators attended the various ceremonies held throughout Poston 1, yesterday, in the first night of the two-day gala Festival:

In the evening's main program, Ralph Gelvin, Associate Project Director, told the audience the significance of such O-Bon ceremonies, to

be able to prepare the claborate program under many sacrifices, and what it means as a morale builder to Poston community.

"It is with reverence and appreciation that I speak to you in be half of Mr. Wade Head who is unable to be with us on this occasion."

"I know the significance of this O-Bon ceremony. Like the eternal goodness that is in the hearts of all mankind, the goodness that exists in this sacred rite is eternal.

"The fact that here at Poston, each man and woman may worship in his or her own way, is of course, something that only has been possible in the last few hundred years. There was a time when men and women of different religious faiths could not do this. But we can and are doing this in Poston, and I am sure it is helping to maintain our courage and our tolerance toward our fellow Citizens

"Speaking directly to you of the Buddhist faith, may I extend my congratulations on the splendid team work, and an interesting program. Best Wishes to you all!"

The Bazaar, with all its novel Concessions and Exhibitions, enjoyed one of the largest crowd, in the history of Poston, while more than 700 dancers, attired in "yukatas" participated in many rhythmic ondo dances.

Similar programs will be held tonight to conclude the two-day 0-Bon Festival, in one of the biggest event held to date at Poston.

CANTEEN HAS MORE DRY GOODS, POSTONIANS READY FOR WINTER

Beautiful printed seersuckers and zippers in all colors and longths are the additions to supply the Dry Goods Dept. shelves at the Canteen. Seersucker blouses and slips are also well stock ed, according to sales clerks working there.

GARNISHING FACTORY INCLUDED IN MANY BUILDINGS PLANNED

Immediate construction of Poston's first large-scale factory, a Garnishing plant, to include six major building units was announced today by Ellis Georgia, area chief, US Army Engineers. The plant will cover 14 acres of land, now being cleared by the Indian Service Irrigation crews, and is located just south of Poston 1. The Callowell Construction Co., Long Beach, has been awarded in the building contract. Units to be built include five garnishing sheds, each 250 feet by 26 feet 4 inches, a warehouse and office structure 400 feet by 60 feet and a cutting shed with 20 tables.

ABSENTEE VOTE PROCEDURE EXPLAINED BY LEGAL DEPT.

To clarify certain amount of confusion created by the voters in Poston in regards to absentee voting in the coming primary election, the Legal Dept. today told the Press that:

"The California Law requires that the ballot be exhibited to the notary public or officers before whom the voting is to be done and show that the said ballot is unmarked.

"The markings on the ballot must be done in the presence of the notary public or the officer in charge, but in such a matter that only the voter may see and mark the given ballot."

However some voters have been marking their ballots way before, away from the presence of any said authorities. Such practices mean another new ballot must be used, which require extra redtape.